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St Patrick's Parish: Mass Times	Tues 09h30	Wed 06h30	Thurs 18h00	Fri 08h00	Sat 08h00 17h30	Sun 07h30 10h00 18h00	Confessions Thurs 17h30 Sat 08h30
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Carmel Monastery: 46 Dickinson Road, Benoni North: weekday Mass at 07h30 Sun at 08h00

<p>Parish Banking details: St Patrick's Catholic Church – Standard Bank, Benoni. Account number 021 095 612. Phone the bookkeeper at 011 845 2118 if you need information about dedicated giving.</p>	<p>Catechism Classes in recess: Last day for St Patrick's and Atlasville (Kia-Ora) - Tues 12 & Wed 13 March. St Patrick's last day Sun 10 March. Classes will resume as follows; St Patrick's & Alastville (Kia-Ora) - Tues 2 & Wed 3 April. St Patrick's on Sun 7 April.</p>
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Prayer for the general election on 8 May

Almighty Father,
 as we approach the elections,
 grant us the wisdom and courage
 we need in order to make the right choices.
 Help us to carry out our duties as responsible
 citizens with respect for the rights of others.

By voting in a spirit of humility and service,
 may we bring hope to the poor, unity
 to all our people and a more secure and
 peaceful future for our children.

Father, do not allow us to become discouraged,
 Inspire us to contribute to the rebuilding of our
 country with vigour and generosity.

We pray for Innocent Janeth Okehie, Andrew Broderick, Johnny de Gouveia, Carlos and Adelina Farinha who have died: may they rest in peace and rise in glory to live in joy in the kingdom forever.

All interested parishioners are invited to a presentation by Gail Fowler of Fowler Tours on Saturday 16 March at 3.30pm in St Patrick's hall. Gail will present the different pilgrimages she offers and in particular our Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year.

Today is the First Sunday of Lent

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Parish Diary

Tues 12 Mar	09h30	Healing Mass followed by the Rosary and Prayer for Mothers
Thurs 14 Mar	10h00	Rosary Colleen Chapman, 75 Southy Road, Farrarmere
	10h30	Mass at Lions' Old Age Home
	18h45	Bible Study
Fri 15 Mar	10h45	Mass at Fairleads
	18h30	Stations of the Cross. You may park in the School grounds
Sat 16 Mar	15h30	Pilgrimage Meeting with Fowler's Tours
Thurs 21 Mar	08h00	Mass (note time 08h00 and not 18h00 -, Public holiday)

A second collection for the Bishops' Lenten Appeal will be taken during Lent. This is for the needy so we ask you to give generously.

There will be Stations of the Cross this coming Friday in the Church at 8h30. You may park in the School grounds.

The Knights of da Gama are having a fundraiser at The Barnyard Theatre, Emperors Palace on **Sunday 17 March** 2019 at 14h00. The Show is called "Rhythm of the Night". Cost per person is R180.00. Please come and support us. Book your seat now - contact Maryna 011 849-584/0836581942 or email: marynaontong@gmail.com.

Friends of Martin De Porres would like to thank you all for the very kind donations of food, clothing and cash we have received from you. Our needs are very great and all of these donations go a very long way to assist us in helping the very poor and needy in Barcelona Squatter Camp.

Given the gift of eternal life in Baptism: Tchomguem Kamdem-Fodjeu, Phakamile Dlamini and Wandile Nungu.

We begin the season of fasting, self-denial, spiritual growth, conversion and simplicity which recalls Jesus forty days fasting in the wilderness and leads us to the great feast of Easter. This is a time of spiritual spring cleaning - a time for taking a spiritual inventory and cleaning out those things which hinder our corporate and personal relationship with Jesus Christ and our service to him. So we have begun Lent with the placing of ash on our foreheads with the words "Turn away from sin and believe the Good News". Traditionally three basic tasks are associated with Lent: fasting (at least on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday with abstinence on Fridays in Lent and perhaps giving up some favourite food; alms giving (being generous to others materially and with our time); prayer (developing a discipline of daily prayer and scripture reading. We can also come to the Stations of the Cross on Fridays).